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TRIO DAY: SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA

Senator Lisa Boscola, (D-PA 18th District) addressed the Upward Bound students on National TRIO Day, February 27, 2010.

National TRIO Day is meant to "focus the nation's attention on the needs of . . . young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that

investment is not made" (Council for Opportunity in Education website).

The students posed many questions to the Senator regarding education, financial aid, her position on the Homeowners' Relief and Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2010, aiding those who are unemployed and facing possible foreclosure. The extension of unemployment benefits was also discussed between the Senator and the students. They also asked about her view on the insanity plea which she has vied to change to "Guilty, but insane" (SB 794) as well as various state and local topics.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Uriel Trujillo, JD

Last summer, a happenstance meeting introduced me to an Upward Bound (UB) alumnus who is now the president of a Wall St. Research Firm with offices in New York, Houston and Baton Rouge. . .Later that fall, I received an email that an Upward Bound graduate was hired at Capital Investments. . . Another day went by and I learned that a UB graduate became an intern with Senator Casey's office. . . Most recently, Senator Boscola discussed an internship opportunity for a senior whose goal is to work in government.

At UB we deliver college preparatory services to students. However, through their ambition and work, they seize the opportunity, close the gap, and realize the dream of equality in education.

At UB in the last four years, 47% of our students enrolled in private colleges, 28% enrolled at ESU, 16% attended other state schools and 9% attended community colleges.

In a 2009 national evaluation of Upward Bound, the

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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Once again, Ms Janine Hyde Broderick, Assistant Director of Upward Bound UB) created an exciting first day experience for the incoming freshmen of UB. They started the morning by riding the bus or traveling with a parent to the AM Meeting. Next, they walked up the three flights to Stroud 316 to participate in such icebreakers as "The Human Knot" (pictured left),

The Graduation Grid and getting to know their peers. After lunch the students were joined by the seniors who shared their UB experiences and imparted wisdom culled from their four years in the program.

First Year Upward Bound students create a human knot in the New Student Orientation. Left to right: Tori Beam, Alyssa Sanchez, Austin Rios, Samantha Light, Jassery Marroquin, Samantha Neri and center Carlee Haase. Students were led by liaisons Tori Beam and Jassery Marroquin

COLLEGE BOUND: WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THE SENIORS GOING?

Just four years ago college was a dream for the current senior class. The following is a list of who is going where (as of this printing):Christian Arrubla; ESU, Shaqueenah Battle-Privott; Northampton Community College (NCC), Chris Cahill; DeSales, Paige Cannon; Kutztown U., Nick Ciafrei; Drexel, Shianna Cruz; Penn State, Lehigh Valley, Niki Feehan; Denison University, Judith Goda; Millersville U., Irvin Johnson; NCC, Reynold Joseph; NCC, Jessica Lassiter; West Chester, Marleen Mendez; St. Joseph's U., James Ohane; St. Joseph's University, Brianna Owens; Hampton College, Elisa Pena; Northwood U., Miguel Rodriguez; Juniata College, Trey Torres; Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Irving Ubri; Penn State, Berks, and Autumn Wombaker; Penn State Hazelton. **BEST OF LUCK to ALL!**

Letter from the Director

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U.S. Department of Education released these findings comparing 1500 random Upward Bound students against a control group: Upward Bound students were: 50 % more likely to attain a bachelor's degree; 19% more likely to attain any postsecondary degree or credential; 22% more likely to apply for financial aid.

TRIO programs were created to advance the ideal of equal opportunity in post-secondary education. Upward Bound at ESU was established in 1974 to institutionalize and realize this goal by putting into practice the belief that all students regardless of socio-economic background can achieve academic success in universities when provided with the appropriate support system. Upward Bound at ESU has consistently realized this goal.

Please help us to celebrate with our students, families, faculty and supporters another year of realizing the dream. Our graduates and their bright futures have shown us the way.

UPWARD BOUND@ ESU:ALUMNI NEWS

By Janine Hyde-Broderick

Kamilah Abdullah-Philpotts (2001) is busy lately. She and her husband are anticipating the birth of their first child, she's completing a Masters in Education with a reading specialist certification, and she's currently teaching second graders in the Philadelphia School District. …**Diana Barrantes** (2006) said to say hello to all and to share the good news. "I'm going to Johns Hopkins Medical School for my Graduate Education. I'll be entering their Immunology program focusing on Tumor Immunotherapy research." Diana will be graduating from Penn State in May with two Bachelor degrees, one in Toxicology and one in Immunology and Infectious Disease… **Dominique Black-Pagan** (2006) is now attending DeSales University, after transferring from Cheyney. She's in her junior year, completing a double major in Clinical Psychology and Forensic Psychology. She and her husband, and two children reside in East Stroudsburg. "Upward Bound was such a big help and is one of the reasons why I never gave up on my education when things got difficult (and believe me, things haven't been easy; I just make it look easy)…

In a few weeks, **Danielle Condomitti** (2006) will be completing her Bachelors in Arts in Graphic Design. She credits UB English instructor Christian Bensing with helping her improve her writing skills. "I believe I never received anything lower than a B at Moravian on any paper," as a result of the help she received in his composition class… **I-Quasia Dorsey** (2005) completed her degree in English with a concentration in Telecommunications from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She's currently employed in the Human Resources Department as a Recruiting Specialist for Joseph A. Banks' corporate office…**Henry Hernandez** (2007) didn't get enough of Upward Bound while he was a student in the program. He will be returning for a second summer to work for the program as a Resident Advisor. He is completing his Associate's degree at Northampton Community College, and will begin work on his Bachelor's degree at ESU in the fall. . . It's all Dean's List for **Andrea Kantar** (2008), who's a sophomore at Penn State Main Campus. Her major is Health Policy and Administration, and in addition to working diligently in her classes in order to stay on Dean's List, she's also a member of the Women's Leadership Initiative. Every time she studies, she thinks about Mr. Suprys' study skills class and wanted him to know she's still using the techniques he covered in class…You won't find **Anthony Lucas** (2003) in PA. He completes his degree in Rhetoric / Oration in 2011 from the U. of California Berkeley. He works for the Department of Industrial Relations, and is currently external vice president for the Queer Alliance Resource Center. In fall, 2011, he expects to begin law school…**Young Nguyen** (2007) is currently in her junior year at the U. of Pennsylvania, majoring in Economics and Psychology. She's also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and is actively involved in Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for Psychology majors….**Will Ojeda** (2003) completed his Associates at Northampton Community College, and is currently enrolled at the U. of Maryland, working on his Bachelors in Homeland Security. He's completed two tours of duty in Iraq and will be going on his third by the time this newsletter goes to print. He and his wife, Janel, are expecting their first child, Ghoreshie **Rivera** (2008) is one step closer to obtaining her Teacher Certification: She passed her Praxis I exams at Lock Haven U. **Courtney Rondinelli** (2005) has promised to look in on **Miguel Rodriguez** (2010) when he arrives at Juniata. She moved back to the area, and is working for NHS Human Services…**More Upward Bound Alumni updates in the next newsletter!**

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND

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Upward Bound East Stroudsburg University Mission Statement

In 1974, East Stroudsburg University Project Upward Bound (ESU UB) was formed to advance the ideal of equal opportunity in post-secondary education. As such, ESU UB believes that students from all segments of the population should have an opportunity to achieve academic excellence in the high school and university levels.

The mission of ESU UB is to promote intellectual curiosity and academic excellence, to acquire the ability to engage, make prudent choices, and develop the technical skills necessary to succeed at the high school and university levels.

The ESU UB community values the ethics of intellectual engagement, integrity, compassion and service. Students will be responsible for their learning, observing and making relevant choices in the context of a community of learners in which parental support plays an essential role.

In order to achieve these goals, the ESU UB community provides academic instruction in subject areas supportive of the high school curriculum, group counseling, cultural programs and career guidance. Students will be exposed to people, places, and events that will deepen their dreams and broaden their life vision. Students will learn how to identify, establish and achieve goals gleaned from his/her journey.

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SUMMER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE 20 **MOVE IN DAY**	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25 WACKY OLYMPICS	JUNE 26
JUNE 27	JUNE 28	JUNE 29	JUNE 30	**JULY 1** **Students depart by 6:30**	**JULY 2**	
JULY 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**	**JULY 5** **STUDENTS RETURN BY 7PM**	JULY 6	JULY 7	JULY 8	JULY 9	JULY 10
JULY 11	JULY 12	JULY 13	**JULY 14** **Financial Boot**	**JULY 15** **Camp**	JULY 16	JULY 17
JULY 18 **UBPA Auction Family Picnic**	JULY 19	JULY 20	JULY 21	JULY 22	**JULY 23** **College**	JULY 24
JULY 25	JULY 26	JULY 27	JULY 28	**JULY 29** **Semi Formal**	**JULY 30**	*Students depart by 2 pm On July 30, 2010*

Goodbye

Watch for added events and changes to the calendar